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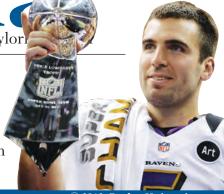
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Pre-register for the National Eating Disorder Awareness Walk sponsored by the Baylor Counseling Center. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 28 in Fountain Mall. Visit nationaleatingdisorders. org to register. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for everyone else.

Keep improving

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Just keep swimming

The 26th annual Fishing Event for Very Special People was held on Saturday in the Creative Arts and Exhibits Building at the Extraco Events Center. Waco residents participated in a variety of fun activities, including fishing in an indoor pond and playing various games for prizes. Read the full story on page 3.

BAA to give \$1 million for students

By Kate McGuire Staff Writer

The Baylor Alumni Association has confirmed that it plans to give a \$1 million gift to Baylor University, the largest in BAA's

On Jan. 26th, the vote came from the strategic planning committee that all funds had been finalized and that the BAA was to give the \$1 million gift.

It wasn't until Jeff Kilgore, vice president and CEO of the Bavlor Alumni Association, made a call to the Waco Tribune - Herald on Friday that the committee's decision went public.

"It was communicated between our board chair and Baylor's board chair that this gift had been approved," Kilgore said.

Now that the strategic planning committee is done with its job of putting the funds together

for the gift, the executive committee, a separate committee under the BAA will be working with President Ken Starr's office to fi-



nalize the two group's agreement on the gift.

Final details will include

how the gift will be distributed, whether through the President's Scholarship Initiative or endowed scholarships.

"The details still need to be worked out on gift designation, on where exactly the money will go. Those are the details that the executive committee will be working out. We are still in the initial part of the process," Kilgore

The BAA's executive committee will finalize details of giving the \$1 million with university officials in the following weeks so that the gift may be completed and agreed to by June 1st.

Although there has not been an agreement between the BAA and the university on receiving

the gift, the significance of the gift being the largest the BAA has given remains important, Kilgore

Kilgore said in the 1960's the Baylor Alumni Association became a fundraiser for Baylor University and since then has supported the connection of alumni to current students. Lori Fogleman, Director of

Media Communications at Baylor said, "There is excitement about the gift being given to the university because of its amount."

The Baylor Alumni Association, and the \$1 million gift, is funded by donations from alum-

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ALDI Store Locator

German grocery will bring discount prices to Waco

By Taylor Rexrode STAFF WRITER

Another low-cost grocery store has arrived in Waco, and it's not Walmart or H.E.B.

Aldi, a German discount grocery store, will be open for business Feb. 28 on the corner of Wooded Acres and Valley Mills

According to their website, Aldi opened its first store in Germany in 1913 and came to the U.S. in 1976.

Brothers Karl and Theo Albrecht expanded the single store into a company, starting up 50 stores in Germany by 1954.

Today there are more than

7,000 on three continents. The new Waco store will be one of over 1,000 stores across 31 states in the U.S.

Bushland junior Trenton Garza enjoyed shopping at Aldi when he lived in Missouri. He has been looking forward to the grocery store opening since ground broke last year.

"The way it is set up is different from typical grocery stores," Garza said. "It's a brand of it's own. You won't find that stuff at Walmart or H.E.B."

The majority of Aldis products from canned goods to paper products are Aldi brands, keeping

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Broken religion can cause broken homes says prof.

By MADISON FERRIL REPORTER

A sociology professor from Baylor and his colleague from the University of Texas in San Antonio have found that children whose parents were both religious at the time of divorce were more likely to move away from organized religion if the parent with custody did not remarry.

Baylor's Dr. Jeremy Uecker and Dr. Christopher Ellison of UT- San Antonio argue against previous studies which state that children of single parents are more likely to move away from religion than those with two parents, or that the effect of divorce on religious affiliation is over-

Uecker, in conjunction with Ellison, published a paper in December that seeks to answer the question of whether divorce shapes a child's religious views later in life. The paper, titled "Parental Divorce, Parental Religious Characteristics, and Religious Outcomes in Adulthood," was published in the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Uecker said he worked on the research on and off for the past couple of years. He was invited to

attend a conference called "Does the Shape of Families Shape Faith?" where he presented the initial draft of the paper.

"There have been studies on this subject before," Uecker said. "But these studies did not take the religious views of both parents into account. We wanted to give more information about the religious context of kids growing up."

Ellison said he worked on three previous papers on the topic of religion and divorce.

"You seem to learn a lot more about those relationships through looking at the background of both parents," Ellison said. "All of that suggests that the religious background of the parents should be incorporated into the background of the child."

The research used data from three sets of General Social Surveys of people over the age of 18. GSS are personal interview surveys done by the National Opinion Research Center designed to gauge changes in social characteristics and attitudes. Uecker and Ellison restricted their pool to three years; 1991, 1998, and 2008.

According to the study, this shows the religious views of both

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Texas school funding ruled unfair

Judge: system violates state's constitution

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The system Texas uses to fund public schools violates the state's constitution by not providing enough money to school districts and failing to distribute the money in a fair way, a judge ruled Monday in a landmark decision that could force the Legislature to overhaul the way it pays for education.

Shortly after listening to closing arguments, Judge John Dietz ruled the funding mechanism does not meet the constitutional requirement for a fair and efficient system that provides a general diffusion of knowledge.

The state is expected to appeal the ruling to the Texas Supreme Court. This was the sixth case of its kind since 1984. In 2005, Dietz found the previous funding system unconstitutional and directed the Legislature to devise a

The Brownwood school district had joined the lawsuit as a plaintiff, and Superintendent Dr. Reece Blincoe, who testified in the trial, was in the Travis County courtroom Monday when the judge ruled.

"I think the ruling today was just overwhelming," Brownwood school Superintendent Dr. Reece Blincoe said by phone from Austin. "It was just clear cut: the system is unconstitutional.

"It was a very good day. Most were elated — except the state, of course. ... This is good for Brownwood, in my opinion, and it is good for Texas."

Blincoe said the judge addressed several issues in his ruling, including the adequacy and the equity of the current system. He said the Brownwood district receives about \$4,800 per student in state funding, and the district potentially could see the amount increased by \$1,000 to \$1,800.

That would mean extra money to put into salaries for teachers and other staff, Blincoe said.

At issue in this case are \$5.4 billion in cuts to schools and education grant programs the Legislature imposed in 2011, but the districts say simply restoring that funding won't be enough to fix a fundamentally flawed system.

They point out the cuts have come even as the state requires schools to prepare students for standardized tests that are getting more difficult and amid a statewide boom in the number of lowincome students and those who need extra instruction to learn English, both of whom are more costly to educate.

"There is no free lunch. We either want increased standards and are willing to pay the price, or we don't," Dietz said. He has promised to issue a detailed, written decision soon.

The trial took more than 240 hours in court and 10,000 exhibits to get this far.

"The ball is in the Legislature's hands," Blincoe said. "They could say 'we're not going to do

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Women face disparity

Basketball pay inequality caused by fandom; perhaps Brittney Griner can revitalize league

Editorial

Brittney Griner might go down as the best women's basketball player of all time.

Her incredible combination of size and skill have made her the most recognizable face in women's college basketball. This will soon be the case when she enters the WNBA Draft. She will probably be the WNBA's Michael Jordan. Or, rather, its Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

But she won't make the big bucks like the NBA greats do because of simple economics.

On the surface, it may seem unfair that the salary cap for an entire WNBA team is less than many NBA rookie contracts, but based on league revenues, this fact is anything but unreasonable.

Forbes estimates that the NBA has an operating income of about \$183 million, whereas the WNBA struggles to break even. In fact, many WNBA teams lose money every year, but the NBA subsidizes the losses

Because television deals have a lot to do with each league's income, the disparity is also seen in attendance numbers.

An average NBA game will generally have about 10,000 more fans than a typical WNBA game.

At the end of last season, the NBA's New Jersey Nets (now the Brooklyn Nets) recorded a leagueworst attendance of just fewer than 14,000 fans at each game.

The WNBA's Washington Mystics averaged a league-best 10,449 fans per game. The team with the worst attendance in the WNBA at the end of last season was the Tulsa Shock, with an average turnout of

A WNBA team has a salary cap of \$900,000. This means that the total amount of annual player salaries cannot exceed this set amount. In the NBA, the salary cap is just over \$58 million, but every team except for the Houston Rockets exceeds this cap and pays a luxury tax to the league.

Griner has the potential to impact the WNBA on and off of the floor. She will likely raise league interest and income. On an individual basis, the top player contracts in the WNBA hover around \$100,000. Griner could one day get a top-level contract in the WNBA and it will likely be more money than anyone is currently making in the league. But many WNBA players still take their talents overseas to other leagues in the offseason to make more money.

To contrast, Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant will make more than \$27.8 million this season just from his salary.

This amount, which excludes endorsement deals, bonuses and jersey sales, is still more than twice the amount of every player in the WNBA combined.

When you consider that you have to drop about \$100 per ticket just to get the worst seat in the house for a Lakers game, plus the annual revenue of \$200 million from the Lakers' TV deal, the money starts to make more and more sense.

That same \$100 at a WNBA

game can almost buy you season tickets for the Los Angeles Sparks.

It's simple supply and demand. Most other teams in the league would be willing to pay Bryant just under \$30 million. Fans are willing to pay the money to see these superstars play. They are not willing to pay a similar amount for WNBA

Income equality can't be reached with this kind of disparity. Griner will hopefully have a great career and achieve her potential. She has the ability to change the women's game forever.

Baylor is a bit of an odd case because our women's basketball attendance is very high. But people show up to games to see great basketball. This is what Griner brings to the court. Maybe WNBA attendance is lacking, but people will start to show up just to watch her play. This is only a future projection, however.

Based on the current system, Griner's income will reflect what she brings to the WNBA. She won't make the same kind of money that NBA stars make because she does not generate the same amount of money for a team. While this is unfair, it's both reasonable and realistic. People in all professions are paid based on the money they generate for their company.

Changing women's basketball is an achievement in its own right, and Griner will be rewarded for it, but she will never make the millions of dollars that NBA players

The league's income, ticket sales and TV deals just aren't high

Don't separate students by majors in housing decisions

Don't get me wrong, I'm excited for East Village to open up in the

Although I'm not going to be living there, I think East Village great for science students who live on campus because it will allow them to stay in relatively nice oncampus housing that's close to the BSB, were they will be spending most of their time.

East Village is a good thing for the most part.

However, Baylor is doing a little too good a job at allowing students in similar majors to live in such close proximity to one another, and this can cause East Village to be a not-so-good thing.

The East Village Residential College will house the Science and Health Living & Learning Communities, as well as the Engineering and Computer Science Residential Colleges.

These groups already are pretty separated from the rest of campus. For example, science students have majority of their classes in the BSB and rarely leave it. Engineering and computer science students have the majority of their classes in the Rogers Building, and already have their own Living & Learning Community for engineering and computer science.

What this means is that Baylor is essentially going to take almost all the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students and concentrate them in one area of campus so they never have to interact with other students. Maybe I'm the only person that sees this going very badly. I understand that Baylor wants

to build community among students. On first glance, it's easier to group students together by their

interests and major instead of encouraging community that transcends the traditional boundaries of majors and general interests.

Honestly though, I feel like this prevents students from getting



Linda Nguyen | A&E Editor

outside their comfort zone and really interacting with students from other disciplines.

I'm a pre-med student. Even this semester, as I'm cutting back on my science classes in order to prepare to take my MCAT, I still interact with other science and pre-med students most of the time. I already take many classes with them. I see them at pre-health organizational meetings and in my

Now Baylor wants us to live together as well?

Don't get me wrong, I love my fellow pre-med students, but if I retreated into the science bubble, I wouldn't know the amazing people I met from other disciplines. I definitely would not be working for the Lariat right now.

Yes, there are other ways for students to make friends with one another through extracurriculars, but at the end of the day, when you're going back to a residential community with essentially all science, pre-health or engineering students, it's going to be difficult to encourage branching out.

I'll reiterate what I said at the top: East Village is a good thing, but it also has the power to isolate students based on their career or academic interests. The way I see it, if I get into medical school, I'll be spending the next four years or so interacting almost solely with other medical students or, if we want to broaden that umbrella a little bit, other health professions students. Right now, as an undergraduate, I want to pursue all my other interests. I want to meet people from all different walks of life and areas of academic study.

I would strongly urge the East Village executive and advisory committee members to please take that into consideration when selecting students to live in the residential college next semester.

They have the power to make East Village into an exclusive STEM club, or they can use this opportunity to bring different kinds of students together, students who maybe aren't science majors, but are interested in sciences.

There are plenty of students like that at Baylor who could bring and encourage diversity in this residential college. East Village can be great, or it can be just another venue for science and pre-health students to avoid interacting with students from other academic disciplines.

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Act in "everyday Christianity"

In a controversial Newsweek editorial in 2009, Jon Meacham predicted the "End of Christian America." Citing a 10 percentage point drop in the number of selfidentified Christians, Meacham applied the term "post-Christian" to an American society in which Christianity is continuing to lose

The future of religion in America is constantly under debate. Some researchers argue religion is stable, while others warn of its decline. Regardless, we as Christians must not become completent. The increasing secularization of Europe should cause us to re-examine the way we approach community and missions.

I recently read "Everyday Church" by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, in which the authors describe their experiences with the church in Europe. The outlook is gloomier than that of the church in

For example, although 59.3 percent of the United Kingdom's population claim to be Christian, only 6.3 percent are in church on any given Sunday (down from 25 percent in 1851). A recent Tearfund report shows 60 percent of the population are not open to attending a service in the future.

The church is unlikely to succeed in convincing this 60 percent to attend a service. Chester and Timmis make a strong point:

"We cannot compete on entertainment... The more we become like the world, the less we have to

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If British churches try to persuade the 60 percent to go to church by offering cool music, new friends or large events, they will be unsuccessful. It is impossible to compete with the allure of video games, TV and secular concerts.

Although Christianity in America is a long way from its status in Britain, we can still learn from the missional principles de-



Danny Huizinga | Guest columnist

scribed in "Everyday Church." In order to show God's love to non-Christians, the authors argue, our purpose is twofold. We need to let our Christian faith shine through in every aspect of our everyday lives, and we need to spend ordinary time with both Christians and non-Christians.

Even if our culture becomes more secular, we can truly "thrive

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at the margins," say Chester and

Instead of proposing new outreach programs or treating spiritual conversations as "extraordinary interventions," the authors advocate witnessing "throughout your day as opportunities arise." They summarize,

"It's about sharing the gospel of God in the context of sharing our

I recently witnessed this in action when I played Ultimate Frisbee with a collection of students on campus. They meet from 3:00-5:00 every Sunday on Fountain Mall. Anyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. Before the games began, we opened in prayer. While playing, I was blown away by the encouragement. Everyone was competitive, but never angry, critical, or condescending.

Witnessing through "Everyday Church" could be going to coffee with a friend, taking time to ask about their relationship with God. It could be making a friend a card, letting them know you are praying for them. Despite our busy schedules, we need to make an effort to invest in the lives of others. "Relationships are time intensive," as the authors say, but God calls us to "serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13)

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In the story "Browning Library's love story contest to honor poet's namesake," which ran last Thursday, Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Sonnett 43 was incorrectly identified as Sonnett 34.

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BU Greek organizations give back to the community

By Kara Blomquist REPORTER

Fishing was more than just casting a line into a pool of fish at the Heart of Texas Fairground on Saturday.

The 26th Annual Fishing Event for Very Special People took place with the help of organizations from across the Waco community. It meant a day of fun for the intellectually and developmentally disabled of all ages.

About 100 people crowded around a large tank on the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds with the hopes of catching a fish.

Those not around the tank could be seen playing carnival games or dancing in the front of the Extraco Creative Arts and Exhibits Building.

In the back of the room, a large tank filled with fish captured the attention of many.

Participants had the chance to fish and take their catches home with them, said Columbia, Mo., senior Brian Kelly, Kappa Omega Tau's fall service chair. Kappa Omega Tau helped in plan the

Texas Parks and Wildlife provided the tank and about 2,000

At the end of the event, all of the remaining fish were returned to Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Booths of carnival-style games were set up along the walls of the

Kappa Omega Tau, encouraged the Panhellenic sororities to participate, said Fredericksburg senior Ethan Beall, Kappa Omega Tau's spring service chair.

Many sororities set up booths of carnival-style games along the walls of the building.

This year's participating sororities included Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega.

Chi Omega has a face-painting booth every year. Houston freshman and Chi

Omega pledge Maddie Koogler said she had a great time volun-

"It's just so much fun to see the smiles on their faces," she said.

Beyond the booths, Baylor students volunteered as escorts for the participants. Each volunteer was paired with

a guest for the entire event.

They helped guide their part-

ner to the different activities and made sure they were safe during the event. The guides were not exclusively Baylor students.

Many escorts also danced with their partners on the dance floor.

Leo Gaines, supervisor of the Day Habilitation Facility, said the next two weeks at work after the event were commonly full of discussion about how the participants danced with Baylor students.

The Day Habilitation Facility in Waco is part of the Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center.

"They get to dance with the good-looking guys and girls at Baylor," he said. "It's a big draw."

Complete with flashing lights and a DJ, the dance floor was always filled.

Baylor's Kappa Omega Tau

worked with the Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center to organize the event.

"We basically put it on to have fun with people with special needs and let them just have a day for them," Kelly said.

The event is a tradition for Kappa Omega Tau, Kelly said.

"We just see it as a great way to give back to the community, especially with the mental needs community in Waco," Kelly said. "It's just a day for them to have fun and just have a good time."

Gaines said the event depends on the participation of companies in the community.

He said he was impressed by how many companies donated to the event, including Red Men Bingo, the Optimist Club of Waco and Cici's Pizza.

"It's an amazing combination of disparate companies around the Waco area," Gaines said. "All they get is a hearty thank you for the

most part." Even when organizations change hands, they usually con-

tinue to donate, he said. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, people get on board," Gaines said. He said the goal of the event has remained the same throughout

"It's an excuse to get out of the house and do something a lot of folks with disabilities might not get to do," he said. Gaines said he was pleased with the turnout at the

"I'm at my happiest when the building's full, the DJ's cranking it out and everyone's happy and having a good time," he said.

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International BU students will take spotlight in lecture

By Sanmai Gbandi REPORTER

Baylor students have an opportunity for insight into the halls of national power.

On Thursday, former Texas congressman Chet Edwards returns to Baylor's campus to give his lecture "The U.S Government From an International Perspec-

Edwards will discuss his political history and his philosophy of

The lecture will also specifically focus on the importance of international students on Baylor's campus and the fate of the global economy.

Chet Edwards was a Texas state senator from 1983-1990 and a United States congressman from 1991-2011. During that time, he represented Waco and Central Texas, parts of North Texas and the Brazos Valley.

As a congressman, Edwards was a representative for Fort Hood, fought against nuclear terrorism and was a supporter of United States military and their families.

Though Edwards is a former Aggie, he is no stranger to Baylor.

He was recently appointed as the W.R. Poage Distinguished Chair for Public Service, and in February of last year, Edwards donated his congressional papers to Baylor's Poage Library.

The collection contains thousands of documents, correspondence emails and speeches saved from his years as a congressman.

As the chair, he assists in processing all of these documents for

Some of the documents have

everyone to see.

Edwards

students like Jones, since Edwards comes to campus only about two weeks every semester. A meet-and-greet with Dr Pep-

the world and your surroundings

This is a rare opportunity for

when you're leading," Jones said.

per floats will be held for students interested in the attending the lecture at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hankamer School of Business. The informal lecture will be at 6 p.m. in Hankamer's Kayser Auditorium.



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Strong side

The Baylor Rugby Club plays Saturday at the BSB Fields against the Austin Blacks Rugby Club.

Iraq War veteran accused in Fort Worth shooting on suicide watch

By Angela K. Brown and Jamie Stengle ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — The Iraq War veteran charged with killing a former Navy SEAL sniper and his friend on a Texas shooting range had to be shocked with a stun gun and restrained in his jail cell overnight after becoming aggressive, a sheriff said Monday.

Eddie Ray Routh, 25, is on suicide watch in the Erath County Jail, where he's being held on \$3 million bond, Sheriff Tommy Bryant said. Routh is charged with one count of capital murder and two counts of murder in the shooting deaths of Chris Kyle, author of the best-selling book "American Sniper," and his friend Chad Littlefield at a shooting range Saturday in

Routh, a member of the Marines Corps Reserve, appeared ready to assault jailers Sunday night when they entered his solitary confinement cell because he refused to return his food tray, Bryant said.

After warnings, jailers used a stun gun once and then put Routh in a chair that restrains his arms and legs, Bryant said.

Bryant said Routh has an attorney but hasn't met with him at the jail in Stephenville, about 75 miles southwest of Fort Worth, and he has not said anything to investigators.

Authorities say the three men arrived at the sprawling Rough Creek Lodge on Saturday afternoon, and a hunting guide discovered the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield about two hours later and called 911. Bryant said Sunday that the men were shot more than once.

Routh then drove Kyle's pickup to his sister's house in Midlothian and told her that he killed two people, and she called police, Erath County Sheriff's Capt. Jason Upshaw said Monday. Routh was arrested after a short police pursuit in Lancaster, near his home.

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Routh's mother and sister were unsuccessful Monday.

Sundae Hughes, an aunt of Routh's, said she has known him since he was born and watched him grow up. But she said she has not seen him since his high school gradu-

Hughes was in disbelief that her neph-

ew could be involved in such an incident. "He has a kind heart (and was) someone willing to jump in and help, no matter

what it was," she said. Routh joined the Marines in 2006 and



In this April 6, 2012, file photo, Chris Kyle, a former Navy SEAL and author of the book "American Sniper," poses in Midlothian. Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were fatally shot Saturday at a shooting range southwest of Fort Worth. Former Marine Eddie Ray Routh, who came with them to the range, was arrested and charged with capital murder.

rose to the rank of corporal in 2010. His military specialty was small-arms technician, commonly known as an armorer.

He had been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and served in Iraq from 2007-08 and in the Haiti disaster relief mission in 2010.

He is now in the individual ready reserve, which basically means he's a civilian. He could be called to duty, but it's uncommon unless he volunteers, said 1st Lt. Dominic Pitrone of the Marine Forces Services public affairs office.

Travis Cox, director of FITCO Cares —

the nonprofit that Kyle set up to give inhome fitness equipment to physically and emotionally wounded veterans - said he believes that Kyle and Littlefield were helping Routh work through PTSD.

Cox said Routh's mother may have asked Kyle to help her son, but Cox didn't know how Routh and Kyle knew each other. He said the shooting range event was not a FITCO session.

Lt. Cmdr. Rorke Denver, who served with Kyle in Iraq in 2006, wasn't surprised that Kyle apparently used a shooting range to help someone with PTSD.

"For us, for warriors, that's a skill set that has become very familiar, very comfortable for us," said Denver, a lieutenant commander in a reserve SEAL team. "So I actually see it as kind of a perfect use of Chris' unique skill set and expertise of which he has very few peers."

Kyle, 38, left the Navy in 2009 after four tours of duty in Iraq, where he earned a reputation as one of the military's most lethal snipers. "American Sniper" was No. 3 seller of paperbacks and hardcovers on Amazon as of Monday, and the hardcover was out of stock. Littlefield, 35, was Kyle's friend, neighbor and "workout buddy," and also volunteered his time to work with veterans, Cox said.

Wheaton College professor coming to BU, will share research with Honors College

By Sierra Baumbach STAFF WRITER

Wartime is known not only for the death of men and women, but for the death of morals.

Dr. Alan Jacobs, the Clyde S. Kilby Chair Professor of English at Wheaton College, believes he might have a remedy.

Jacobs will join the Honors College in fall 2013 and present the lecture "Christian Humanism in Time of War" as a part of the Honors College Lecture Series. The lecture explores the beliefs of poet W.H. Auden, literary scholar C.S. Lewis and theologian Jacques

The premise of the lecture is that an enriched model of Christian humanism is the greatest need in a time of global war and remodeling. This model represents a solution for moral depravity that can be found through education and Christian ideologies.

"The main thing I wanted to do was talk about the ideas that I'm thinking about and those that I think are particularly relevant to the Honors College," Jacobs said. "These are the types of things that are relevant in the Honors College as well as the great texts pro-

Jacobs will teach in the Great Texts program, as well as a higher level theology and literary theory class. Jacobs said one of the reasons he is excited to come to Baylor and teach in the Honors College is the intentional interdisciplinary model that exists and the ideas it will al-

low him to explore. "People who were educated in one field, and have been socialized in those fields can sometimes be blind to what opening their minds can do for them," he said. "The

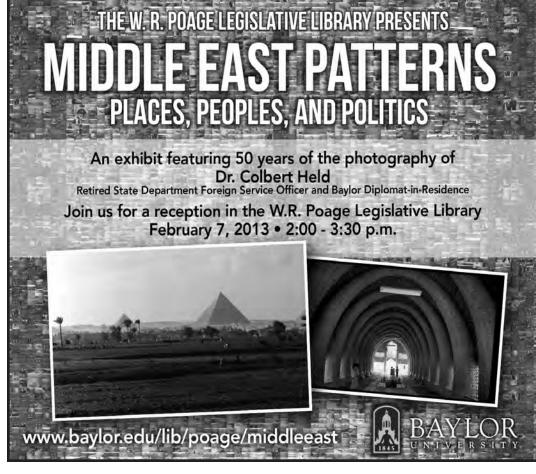


idea is not to get out of business or engineering, but instead, to participate in it more creatively and more effectively. Baylor is a place where people are thinking about things and a place where these ideas get a good hearing."

These skills, Jacobs said, are something that hold value in any walk of life, but is something that our own dis-

cipline can stop us from exploring. "I think Baylor is one of the few institutions that is trying to think about this whole business of what meaningful Christian debate and how we can do it in a way that is sophisticated and not redundant,"

"We are, after all, trying to equip ourselves to be not only good citizens, but good Christians," Jacobs



Choir showcases interdisciplinary student talent

COPY EDITOR

There's a new group in town among the many vocal ensembles here at Baylor. They're called VirtuOso and it looks like they're here

The group was first started by Dr. Aaron Hufty, lecturer of music, in the fall 2012 semester. Hufty also directs the Baylor Women's Choir and teaches Choral Conducting, Applied Conducting and Introduction to Music as well as

VirtuOso is a new a cappella group made up of 13 singers of

different majors and musical backgrounds.

The group will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in the North Village Community Center. This event is free and open to the public.

The group will be singing selections it has been working on since last semester as well as new songs.

The concert is being held as a formal run-through of the group's program for the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella.

They will compete in the south quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the University of Georgia in the Morton Theatre. Tickets for this event can be bought online at www.mortontheatre.tix.com.

If VirtuOso is successful in the quarterfinals, they will then move on to the semifinals at 7 p.m. March 23 in Ingram Hall at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. If they are successful in Nashville, they will advance to the Lincoln Center in New York City for the final round on April 20.

VirtuOso sings a variety of songs, ranging from country to rock to alternative and jazz. The group takes current songs and arranges them specifically for their unique a cappella sound with tight harmonies. The arrangements also include vocal percussion and sound effects to enhance the musical experience of the audience.

Their current program consists of selections from Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Paramore and others.

Hufty said the School of Music approached him about putting a new ensemble together last sum-

"I started researching different a cappella styles and I found that this was the most current," Hufty

Hufty said that by starting this kind of ensemble, he wanted to send a message of wholesome entertainment to Baylor and the Waco area. Rowlett graduate student Jonathan Pilgrim, who is a member of the group, said he is excited to be a part of VirtuOso.

"It kind of came under the radar with auditions last semester and I really wanted to be a part of it," Pilgrim said.

"Music is a sacred trust. For people to be able to get out there and share their experience through song is a real gift. I think it shows that we can be hip, fun and current

and not be profane," Hufty said. "It's refreshing to see kids do something like that."

All of the group's songs are arranged by one of their own tenors, San Antonio sophomore John

VirtuOso has also scheduled a spring show at 7:30 p.m. April 5 and 6 in the Hooper-Schaefer Theater.

This event will also be free and open to the public.

You can follow VirtuOso on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ BaylorVirtuOso and on Twitter @ BaylorVirtuOso. There are also audio clips of some of the group's songs available on the Facebook site.

Beyonce impresses at Super Bowl with live singing skills

By RANDALL ROBERTS Los Angeles Times

Few lips in 2013 have been as scrutinized as Beyonce Knowles'. On Sunday evening during the Super Bowl halftime show, while the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers were recovering from an hour of head-bashing action, Knowles' lips and the ringing, pitch-perfect voice behind them were the focus of a national drama that had unfolded in the weeks

Drama and halftime shows: not your usual combo.

Beyonce, one of the world's most popular singers, had something to prove.

Her integrity was at stake, and perhaps as many as 100 million people were measuring it with her.

Nearly two weeks ago, the singer offered a lauded delivery of "The Star-Spangled Banner" during President Barack Obama's second inauguration. Millions watching on television saw her eyes light up, the veins in her neck turn to rope, her lips shape the words and her voice pour forth America's anthem in perfect pitch. Afterward, she smiled proudly.

Then news gradually unfolded that she and the U.S. Marine Band hadn't performed live but to a backing track, and the populace learned that it had not seen and heard what it thought it had: true talent showcasing her art live, commemorating what should be one of the most honest and open of American rituals with a true musical document of a moment in time.

Some said it didn't matter Aretha Franklin came to her defense. Others thought it cowardly: A superstar's responsibility is to prove she is up to the challenge



Beyonce performs at halftime of Super Bowl XLVII at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

or politely decline. To them, Beyonce's lip-sync was a cop-out.

When artifice shattered the illusion, people noticed. She took center stage in New Orleans to shut everybody up. She did-at least those who doubted her skills as a

live singer and a performer.

An action-packed, Vegas-style medley of the Houston-born vocalist's many hits, both solo and as part of Destiny's Child, Beyonce's set-filled with fire, strobes, hologram-esque teams of Beyonce im-

ages dancing in a row-showcased a selection of independent-minded pop specifically choreographed to silence detractors.

The artist who dubbed herself Sasha Fierce made many musical arguments. None involved submitting to doubters. She played-and sang, live-her big ones, starting with one of the great pop songs of the 2000s, "Crazy in Love," the track that established her not only as a singing force but also as an adept song-picker whose taste in producers is equaled by her skill at turning their tracks into her own hits. "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," "End of Time," "Baby Boy"each melded seamlessly with one another. She was joined onstage midset by her bandmates in Destiny's Child for a quick run that included "Bootylicious."

Perhaps the most important sound of her show, though, was unplanned.

As she danced and asked that the crowd clap along, her microphone hand made an audible thump. It was loud and obvious. And it proved something true: The mike was live, and our singer was too.

iPad apps for school: Notability does the trick for busy students

By Linda Nguyen A&E EDITOR

IPads have become very popular for taking notes during lectures. I use my iPad in the majority of my classes, especially in the ones that don't involve computers. I could probably get away with carrying only my iPad to class, and I have no doubt that's probably the case for the majority of other iPad and tablet users.

When I first got my iPad, I looked all over the Internet for the best apps to help with school. I know I'm pretty nerdy, but hey, an iPad is lighter than carrying around several notebooks. I found several apps recommended by several websites, each with their pros and cons.

Over the next several weeks, I'm going to review some of the most popular apps that students use in class.

I am going to start with the one I use for taking notes in class.



school year. It's available for \$1.99 me to do all of that. in the iTunes app store.

Pros:

I like this app because it provides me with essentially everything I need to take notes. I'm a huge fan of taking notes by hand and being able to color code important information, vocabulary

Notability has served me well this words and the like. This app allows

It has a convenient magnifier that essentially blows up an area of the page so that you can write on it without it looking awkwardly big or like a kindergartner with cray-

It has several options for tip size, so it's easy to get it to a thickness that you're used to and that you want to use. It prevents me from having to carry around a stack of G2 colored pens everywhere I go.

The app also allows me to organize my notes into categories and folders which is helpful for organizing everything by subject and

It's very easy to import notes from other applications, like Blackboard into Notability to take notes. I especially like the fact that it now supports PowerPoints, so I don't have to convert every single powerpoint into a PDF before I can mark on it in Notability.

My biggest complaint about this application is that it does not react well to special symbols.

In my biochem notes, if my professor uses any kind of special symbol like an arrow or even just a Greek letter, the application converts it to an empty box or tries to convert it to a bigger, bolded ver-

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ing in that respect.

PDF converter converting the symbols incorrectly, but even with the new in-app converter, the application still does convert the symbols correctly.

Another qualm I have with this app is its lack of a dimmer. One of the most awkward moments is when you're in class and the lights are dimmed and then you open your iPad and it blinds your with brightness. I hate when I'm taking notes and then I have to exit the

Some of the apps for books, like iBooks and the Kindle app, allow you to dim the screen within the app; which is more convenient

Finally, it takes some getting used to. I will admit, when I first got my iPad, I didn't like it very much. It was difficult to write and I definitely could not write as neatly as I would write with a pen and a sheet of paper. It's still pretty frustrating to try to write chemical structures or charts in my notes because you need to be able to write tiny and with detail instead

Eventually I got better at using the magnifier to write and take notes, but I really hated my handwriting for several months after I

first started using Notability.

Overall the pros outweigh the cons for me as far as this application goes. It's not perfect, but I don't think the iTunes app store is going to come out with a "perfect" note-taking application in the near future.

It's difficult to get used to, but if you do it enough, it becomes second nature and you tend to forget about everything that's wrong with it.

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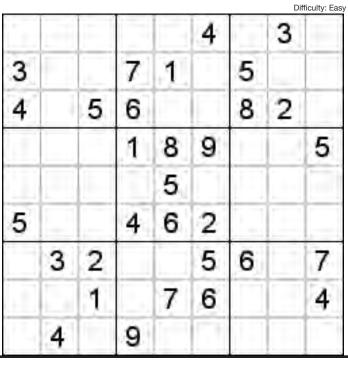












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SPORTS WRITER

Last year, the Baltimore Ravens lost a gut-wrenching match against the New England Patriots in the AFC Championship after wide receiver Lee Evans dropped a sure touchdown and kicker Billy Cundiff missed a chip-shot field goal. Baltimore Ravens middle linebacker Ray Lewis went on to give a

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passionate post game speech.

"God has never made a mistake," Lewis said. "He never made one mistake. It ain't about one play, it ain't about nothing. This year we did what we were supposed to do. We fought as a team."

Little did the world know, this "team of destiny" would set the stage for one of the most amazing stories in NFL history.

"The fact is that we have got to come back and go to work to make sure we finish it next time. That's all we have got to do," Lewis said.

During the following offseason, the Ravens lost many key players such as linebacker Jarret Johnson, defensive end Cory Redding and guard Ben Grubbs.

Linebacker and former defensive player of the year Terrell Suggs also tore his ACL. Many assumed Suggs would be out for the year, but he vowed to be back. He picked November as his goal to return to

However, the Ravens did acquire wide receiver Jacoby Jones after he got run out of Houston, and Jim Caldwell was hired as the new quarterbacks coach after the disaster in Indianapolis.

This didn't sit well with many fans, who then criticized the team for taking a step back, not forward. Despite general disagreement between fans and the front office, many Ravens faithful still trusted Ozzie Newsome, the general man-

The Ravens suffered many injuries, including Ray Lewis' tricep tear, an ACL tear to shutdown cornerback Lardarius Webb, and an abdominal injury and sports hernia to cornerback Jimmy Smith.

Haloti Ngata was playing injured most of the season, and linecouple of games as well.

The Ravens season was anything but great as they got blown out by the Houston Texans in week seven and lost three in a row starting with a loss at Pittsburgh in

However, the Ravens had faith. They continued to fight and believe in each other as John Harbaugh preached brotherhood and love. He shared the testament of God giving them strength. He shared Bible verses and created a locker room filled with brotherhood, after a potential revolt.

Leadership was the key and Harbaugh kept the team accountable and did one of the hardest things he had to do: fire his dear friend, former offensive coordinator Cam Cameron.

After losing to the Washington Redskins, recording their first back to back loss since 2009, Harbaugh fired Cameron and promoted

This move seemed bold to most, but it made sense. Drew Brees and Philip Rivers had their worst seasons under Cameron during his tenure in New Orleans and San Diego.

The Ravens' offense was highly inconsistent considering the amount of talent on that roster. After a blowout home loss to Denver, Baltimore found its rhythm. The Ravens defeated the Giants 33-14 and clinched the AFC North divi-

Everything was starting to look up as the ride began. The Ravens were destined to win this year.

In week 12, running back Ray Rice saved the Ravens' season after running for 30 yards on a 4th and 29 play against the San Diego Chargers. They have been battletested this season dealing with the death of wide receiver Torrey Smith's younger brother, injuries and heartaches.

The Ravens also have never won more than four games in a row. After a week 17 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, the Ravens were starting with no momentum to speak of, coming into the playoffs losing four out of the last five games.

However, with four games left, this streak seemed destined to hap-

On Jan 2, 2013, Ray Lewis told his team that this year's playoff run



Baltimore Ravens defensive back Chykie Brown celebrates by making a confetti angel after the Super Bowl game against the San Francisco 49ers Sunday in New Orleans. The Ravens won 34-31

would be his last. Emotions were high for the Ravens as they tried to send him off the right way.

After a decisive 24-9 victory against the Indianapolis Colts (a team the Ravens had never beaten in the postseason in franchise history) in the AFC Wild Card game, Lewis had a chance to keep moving on.

Rice called this team the "team of destiny." A week later as nine point underdogs, the Ravens had the tough task of defeating Peyton Manning, a quarterback they had not beaten in franchise history. With an incredible 70-yard hookup between quarterback Joe Flacco and wide receiver Jacoby Jones, the Ravens sent the game into overtime.

With a 47-yard field goal by rookie kicker Justin Tucker, the Ravens defeated the top-seeded Denver Broncos.

In another divisional round playoff game between the Seattle

Seahawks and the Atlanta Falcons, the Seahawks came back after being down 20-points to take the lead 28-27. The announcer went on to call the Seahawks the "team of destiny," but they lost after a Matt Bryant field goal.

The stage was set for a rematch between the Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots.

The Ravens were so close to the big game. The only team in their way was the team that they couldn't get passed the year before.

Back where it all started, the

Ravens were down 13-6 in the half. At the time, the Patriots were 67-0 in games where they took a lead into halftime. However, the Ravens broke

away in the second half and won 28-13, leaving the best offense in the NFL scoreless in the second

The Ravens were one game away to a happy ending.

Before the Super Bowl began,

the Hall of Fame candidates took center stage with former Raven Jonathan Ogden being the first Raven player to make the Hall of

It was fitting that the first member of the Ravens entered the Hall of Fame on the same day the Ravens were to fulfill their destiny. The underdog Raven team played a dominant first half and led 21-6 at the half.

Baltimore started the second half with a Jones 108-yard kick return for a touchdown.

However, the lights went out, draining the Ravens of any momentum. The San Francisco 49ers came out of that break with a clear mind and momentum changed. San Francisco stormed back into the game, scoring 17 points in just over four minutes. It quickly turned from a blowout to a fivepoint game. Flacco led the offense on a long drive that resulted in a field goal putting the Ravens up

31-23. 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick orchestrated another touchdown drive but missed a 2-point conversion.

Flacco and the offense went on another long drive trying to score and take as much time off the clock as possible but only got a field goal. Kaepernick drove the ball down to the 5-yard line. Baltimore stopped the 49ers on 4th down to get the ball back. Despite another adverse situation, it was fitting that the Ravens came out on top defeating the 49ers 34-31.

Ray Lewis and the other Ravens got the ending they wanted. No matter how many people counted them out, no matter what obstacle came their way, they had faith not just in themselves, but faith in God and faith in each other.

Lewis was right, God doesn't make mistakes. This was the ultimate story filled with passion, faith and love.

Big 12 Standings

School	Conf. Record
Baylor	10-0
Oklahoma	6-3
Iowa State	6-4
Texas Tech	6-4
Kansas	5-4
West Virgin	ia 5-5
Oklahoma	State 4-5
Kansas Sta	ite 3-6
Texas	2-7
TCU	0-9

Baylor women still atop AP poll

By Associated Press

Baylor remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for a fifth straight week after cruising to two more Big 12 wins.

The Lady Bears had easy victories over Texas Tech and Oklahoma State and have 32 straight Big 12 regular-season wins.

Baylor had 37 first-place votes Monday and will host Kansas before visiting Texas this week.

The first six stayed unchanged with Notre Dame, Connecticut, Stanford, Duke and California following the Lady Bears. UConn got the other three first place votes.

Delaware made the biggest move, climbing five spots to No.

Syracuse entered the poll at No. 24 — its first appearance in two years. Iowa dropped out a week after entering the poll.

Maybe next time he'll think before he cheats

By Ryan Daugherty REPORTER

Nowadays, no matter what the sport is, you almost have to assume that most athletes are taking some form of performance-enhancing drugs.

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It seems as if every other week a different athlete's name is scrolling across the bottom of ESPN for having been caught using PEDs. Over the past few years, many iconic names have been linked to steroids, most notably Lance Armstrong and Barry Bonds.

While the results on the field have taken a turn for the better, the results off the field have taken a turn for the worse.

Barry Bonds has had arguably the most impressive resume of any baseball player in major league history, yet this last month, voters rejected him into the Baseball Hall

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Tour de France medals stripped away and is banned from professional cycling for life.

So why do these athletes risk a lifetime of criticism for only a few years of greatness with an asterisk tied to it? Pressure may have something to do with it. Athletes are expected to per-

form at the highest possible level every single night and fans opinions of them can change on a single New York Yankees third base-

man Alex Rodriguez said he felt like he had the "weight of the world" on top of him and that he needed to perform at a "high level on an everyday basis."

Now it is understandable that these athletes get overwhelmed by pressure and go through many processes to get better. However, using steroids to increase athletic ability is never a line that should be crossed.

It's like answering the first 40

questions of a test and looking at Center, the IGF-1 is dangerous and Lance Armstrong had all of his someone else's paper for the last can cause liver disease and cardio- hate Lance because he took them to make a B, but you had to look somewhere else to get an A. It's far more impressive to earn a B than to make an unearned A.

PEDs don't only add strength and athleticism. There are severe health risks as well. Side effects of a common steroid, known as an anabolic steroid, in both men and women include increased risk of tendonitis, heart and circulatory problems, depression, liver tumors and many other abnormalities.

Just recently, a bizarre story came out about how deer-antler spray had been tied with Alabama Crimson Tide football players and Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray

Deer-antler spray includes a banned substance called IGF-1, an insulin growth factor.

According to Alex Diamond, the assistant professor of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at Vanderbilt University Medical myopathy, a heart disease.

Not only do athletes who use PEDs hurt themselves, they also hurt the people that support them the most: their fans. To see your childhood hero or sports idol being accused as a cheater is highly disheartening.

Athletes represent far more than high-end talents at their sport. They are role models for the fans who admire their ambition and strive for greatness.

Baylor juniors Quinton Porter and Joshua Gates both agree that steroids are unfair and unnecessary to the sport.

"I'd feel cheated," Porter said. "Finding out an athlete used steroids is a quick way to expunge every record they set and make them nondescript because of their unfair advantage?

For Gates, he feels the same way even though his opinion of cyclist Lance Armstrong didn't drastically change.

"I don't approve of it, but I don't simply because everyone else did too, so he was on a level playing field," Gates said.

Of course, a common question is if there is a way to stop athletes from taking PEDs.

The answer is that there isn't a way to stop them.

Clearly suspending athletes for being caught using PEDs hasn't made quite the impact that it should.

There needs to be far more severe consequences, such as banishment from the sport. Just as Armstrong's situation, if one is going to suffer the worst consequence, then all should suffer the same consequence.

Sadly, over time we won't be able to enjoy watching a sport without wondering which athletes are taking PEDs and which are not. Instead, we will sit and wait for the next list of athletes who will be listed not as stars of their sport, but as cheaters.







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anything at all until the Supreme Court rules." That would mean a special session of the Legislature, probably in January 2014, Blincoe said. He suggested another option would be for the Legislature to restore some of the cuts from 2011.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said Dietz's decision confirms what his party has been saying all along.

"Hopefully this latest in a long line of decisions will force the legislature to truly and systemically address the inequities in our school finance system to ensure that every child in every school—regardless of wealth—has access to a top-notch education," Ellis said in a statement.

The attorney general's office declined to comment.

Attorneys representing around 600 public school districts argued Monday that the way Texas funds its schools is "woefully inadequate and hopelessly broken," wrapping up 12 weeks of testimony in the case.

Texas does not have a state income tax, meaning it relies on local property taxes to fund its schools. But attorneys for the school districts said the bottom 15 percent of the state's poorest districts tax average 8 cents more than the wealthiest 15 percent of districts but receive about \$43,000 less per classroom.

Rick Gray, a lawyer representing districts mostly in poorer areas of the state, said during closing arguments that Texas must begin producing better educated college graduates, or it would see its tax base shrink and needs for social services swell due to a workforce not properly prepared for the jobs of the future.

"The system today, as we see it, is failing Texas children," he said, later adding: "Texas should be

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office countered that the system is adequately funded and that school districts don't always spend their money wisely.

In all, the case involves six lawsuits filed on behalf of about twothirds of Texas school districts, which educate around 75 percent of the state's roughly 5 million public school students.

Districts in rich and poor parts of the state are on the same side. Texas' funding system relies heavily on property taxes and a "Robin Hood" scheme where districts with high property values or abundant tax revenue from oil or natural gas resources turn over part of the money they raise to poorer districts.

Many "property wealthy" districts say that while they are in better shape than their poorer counterparts, the system still starves them of funding since local voters who would otherwise support property tax increases to bolster funding for their schools refuse to do so, knowing that most of the money would be sent somewhere else.

All the school districts involved argued that funding levels were inadequate, regardless of what level of funding they received.

Also suing were charter schools, which want state funding for their facilities and Texas to ease or a remove a cap allowing only 215 licenses to operate charter schools statewide. Dietz said they had not made their case and ruled in favor of the state.

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The Baylor Alumni Association, and the \$1 million gift, is funded by donations from alumni.

According to Kilgore, alumni believe that scholarships are one of the most important things at Baylor.

"If it weren't for an athletic scholarship I wouldn't have been able to attend Baylor," Kilgore said. In fact, over 90 percent of Baylor undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid, according to Baylor's Institutional Research and Testing.

When asked about the gift on Monday, officials in the Development Office, the Financial Aid Office and the Director of the Endowed Scholarships had not been informed.

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parents play a role in the religious views of the child later on in life. The current United States divorce rate is about 3.5 divorces per 1,000 marriages, according to the 2013 World Almanac

"We didn't really see this effect in families where a step-parent came in," Uecker said. "A step-parent made it more likely that a child

ent made it more likely that a child would change affiliation, though." Uecker said this is due to the fact that a stepparent often introduces their own religious beliefs to

their step-children.

Though divorce still increases the chances of a child moving away from religion, if the child ends up in the custody of the more religious parent, they are less likely to move

away from religious belief.

"Most religious change happens during adolescence or young adulthood," Uecker said. "By the

time they become adults, get married, and have kids, their beliefs are pretty much set."

Uecker said his main research interests are how religion shapes family and parenting and the transition to adulthood. His previous research includes a book on the sexual habits of college students.

Uecker said that he came to Baylor because Baylor has a strong Sociology of Religion faculty and program.

"It's an attractive place for me intellectually," Uecker said. "They have good resources, a friendly environment, and the faculty is interested in the kinds of things I'm interested in."

Ellison said his primary research interests are the interactions between faith and society and the interactions between ethnicity, race, and religion.

South Korea, US begin naval drills

Force directed at North Korea after a threat to conduct atomic test

By Hyung-Jin Kim Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean and U.S. troops began naval drills Monday in a show of force partly directed at North Korea amid signs that Pyongyang will soon follow through on a threat to conduct its third atomic test.

The region has also seen a boost in diplomatic activity since last month, when North Korea announced it would conduct a nuclear test to protest U.N. Security Council sanctions toughened after a satellite launch in December that the U.S. and others say was a disguised test of banned missile technology.

Pyongyang's two previous nuclear tests, in 2006 and 2009, both occurred after it was slapped with increased sanctions for similar rocket launches. As it issued its most recent punishment, the Security Council ordered North Korea to refrain from a nuclear test or face "significant action."

North Korea's state media said Sunday that at a high-level Workers' Party meeting, leader Kim Jong Un issued "important" guidelines meant to bolster the army and protect national sovereignty. North Korea didn't elaborate, but Kim's guidelines likely refer to a nuclear test and suggest that Pyongyang appears to have completed formal procedural steps and is preparing to conduct a nuclear test soon, according to South Korean analyst Hong Hyun-ik.

"We assess that North Korea has almost finished preparations for conducting a nuclear test anytime and all that's left is North Korea making a political decision" to do so, South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told reporters Monday.

The spokesman said he couldn't disclose further details because they would involve confidential intelligence affairs. Recent satellite photos showed North Korea may have been sealing the tunnel into a mountainside where a nuclear device could be exploded.

A North Korean nuclear test "seems to be imminent," South Korea's U.N. Ambassador Kim Sook said Monday at a news conference at U.N. headquarters in New York.

He said there are "very busy activities" taking place at North Korea's nuclear test site "and everybody's watching." The ambassador said he expects the Security



Tthe USS San Francisco, a U.S. nuclear-powered submarine, is docked on Friday before South Korea and U.S. joint military exercise and at a naval base in Jinhae, South Korea. South Korean and U.S. troops began naval drills Monday in a show of force partly directed at North Korea amid signs that Pyongyang will soon carry out a threat to conduct its third atomic test.

Council to respond with "firm and strong measures" in the event of a nuclear test.

On Monday, the South Korean and U.S. militaries kicked off three days of exercises off the Korean Peninsula's east coast that involve live-fire exercises, naval maneuvers and submarine detection drills.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the maneuvers are part of regular joint military training that the allies had scheduled before the latest nuclear tensions began. But the training, which involves a nuclear-powered American submarine, could still send a warning against possible North Korean provocation, a South Korean military official said, requesting anonymity because of department

Later Monday, Pyongyang's state media said the drills showed that the U.S. and South Korea have been plotting to attack North Korea and increased the danger of a war on the divided peninsula.

"The dark cloud of war is approaching to the Korean Peninsula," North Korea's official Uriminzokkiri website said in a commentary. "Our patience has the limit."

North Korea said similar things when South Korea and the U.S.

conducted previous drills; the allies have repeatedly said they have no intention of attacking the North.

North Korea says U.S. hostility

and the threat of American troops in South Korea are important reasons behind its nuclear drive. The U.S. stations about 28,500 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

North Korea also has denounced sanctions over its rocket launches, saying it has the sovereign right to launch rockets to send satellites into orbit under a space development program.

North Korea's two previous nuclear tests are believed to have been explosions of plutonium devices, but experts say the North may use highly enriched uranium for its upcoming test. That is a worry to Washington and others because North Korea has plenty of uranium ore, and because uranium enrichment facilities are easier to hide than plutonium facilities are.

Diplomats are meeting to find ways to persuade North Korea to scrap its nuclear test plans. New U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his South Korean counterpart Kim Sung-hwan held a telephone conversation Sunday night and

agreed to sternly deal with any possible nuclear provocation by North Korea, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The chief nuclear envoys of South Korea and China met in Beijing on Monday and agreed that they would closely coordinate on ways to stop North Korea from conducting a nuclear test, according to Seoul's Foreign Ministry. China is North Korea's main ally and aid benefactor.

China has refused to say whether it was sending an envoy to North Korea or whether Pyongyang has informed Beijing about its plans for a nuclear test. China's Foreign Ministry on Monday reiterated Beijing's opposition to a test, though it did not mention North Korea by name.

"We call on all sides, under the current circumstances, to avoid taking measures which will heighten regional tensions. We hope all parties concerned can focus their efforts more on helping to ease tensions on the peninsula and throughout the region and jointly maintain peace and stability on the peninsula," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a daily media briefing in Beijing.

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prices low. Ponca City, Okla., senior Kate Lee sees the Aldi brand and prices are suited for people on a budget. She said the lack of name brand items should not deter customers.

"It opened in my hometown a

couple years ago," Lee said.

"I started shopping there and noticed it's a lot cheaper with the Aldi brand. Just because it's a different brand doesn't mean it isn't good. And they usually have pretty

fresh produce," she said.

The discount grocery chain also cuts costs by having few people on staff. They use a shopping cart deposit system to keep the small staff out of the parking lot retrieving

Shoppers pay 25 cents for a cart and then get their quarter back after returning their cart to the corral. Shoppers are also encouraged to bring their own bags or boxes to keep their shopping experience

and their wallets greener.

"Bring a quarter and bags or you'll be out of luck," Garza said. "In the end, it helps your pocketbook."

Lee prefers Aldi over other stores, but she admits that the experience can require time in the day with fewer checkout lines and cashiers.

"They keep personnel to a minimum," Lee said. "There will be one or two people checking out and

lines can be long. You have to have time when you go. But I probably save at least \$20 a month on groceries there."

Garza believes this kind of inexpensive shopping experience is perfect for college students and anyone else on a budget.

"If you came from money then Aldi won't be your store," Garza said. "They'll have the basic stuff. It's what college kids need."

